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Bishop Cannon:-

I found the attached letter among some papers that were being destroyed in a chest belonging to James G. Blake, and when I saw George Q. Cannon's name attached, I asked if I might keep it. I was well acquainted with George Q. Cannon, and was a member of the cavalry which escorted President Cannon out of St. George the last time he was down there, and when George Q. Cannon was in the House of Representatives he wrote this letter and I thought likely it would be of interest to you.

ALBERT D. CLARK,
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Bishop Cannon:-

Brother Clark, who is quite an old gentleman, called to hand attached letter to you but as he had to leave for home he dictated the foregoing note to me and asked that I hand it with the letter to you.

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Geo: L. Cannon
Jan 3rd 1877
To James Jack.

House of Representatives,

Washington, D C., January 3, 1877.

Hon. Jas. Jack.

Dear Brother:-

Your dispatch of the 28th ult. came to Washington while I was absent on business at New York. I had been requested by President Young to make the acquaintance of Mr. Tilden as early as possible, and this was the first opportunity that I had. His absence from New York at Albany kept me there a much longer time than I expected when I left here, and I only returned here at midnight last night.

I have seen the Attorney General several times respecting the Ann Eliza case, and he has promised me that he would examine the papers which I left with him, especially the resume of the case. I called upon him this morning first thing, and told him

that I had a dispatch from Salt Lake upon the subject, and there was considerable anxiety felt in relation to the matter. He hunted up the papers and said that he had not had time to examine them, having been so driven with work. He had been absent also in Ohio for some time at the wedding of his son. The presidential complication has also required considerable attention from him, and, altogether, his time is very closely occupied. While I was there this morning he commenced to read the case, but had not got through more than a page before he had several interruptions, and was compelled to desist. He promised me, however, that he would give it his early attention. I called to his notice particularly the letter which his predecessor addressed to Judge Carey, and gave him the date of it. He said he would

examine it; but to tell you the truth, I am afraid that he has so much to do that the only way to get the case fairly before him is for me to use District Attorney Howard when he reaches here, which he will do in two or three days to present the case to him from his standpoint. I think this would have the best effect. If Judge Taft had the time to read up the case, the papers that you sent would give him a fair understanding of it; but this he has not got, and I think it is in vain to expect that he will take the time from his other pressing duties. I regret that I can not write you better news about this. I did what I could to have the matter investigated, and have explained the main points in the case myself to him; but of course he is naturally reluctant to give a decision in the matter with the papers

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before him until he reads them.

The presidential question absorbs everybody's attention. It is surprising how much men's minds are engrossed by it. There is no business of so great importance as it, and officials make but little progress in their work in consequence of this. Even Congress is likely to do but little outside of the appropriation bills except with reference to ^{the} presidential question. You get an excellent idea, doubtless, about the situation of affairs from the dispatches. The Democrats feel very sure now that either Tilden will be inaugurated or a new election will be ordered. They are prepared to concede everything except the inauguration of Hayes by fraud. That will be resisted. But war seems to be put away from the thoughts of both sides, though I have reason to believe that General Grant is arranging all his plans so that if there should be

an outbreak, he will be prepared (and, of course, that means the Republican party) to crush it. He is too much of a soldier to allow things to drift without making ample preparations for whatever emergency may arise.

I hope yourself and family and the brethren are well. Give my love and New Year's compliments to Brothers John W., and Daniel and to the brethren in the Office, which please accept to yourself from

Your Brother,
Geo. R. Hannon